

Kosack, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the FSC/ETI JOBS bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator LIEBERMAN, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Sara Hagigh during the consideration of the Australia Free Trade Agreement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BAUCUS, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to the following fellows and interns during consideration of the Australia Free Trade Agreement:

Molly Bell, Tony Cerise, Jessica Cronnelly, and Ashley Griffith.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dan Shepherdson, Nic Prenger, Julia Ehrgood, Casey August, and Peter Jordan be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on S. 2610, the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to the following fellows and interns, Ade Ifelayo, Kellen Moriarty, Scott Richardson, Alex Robles, and Ben Gather, during consideration of the Australia Free Trade Agreement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my staff member, Nancy Mitchell, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 70-770, appoints the Senator from Arkansas, Mrs. LINCOLN, to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, vice the Senator from Louisiana, Mr. BREAUX.

AMENDING THE E-GOVERNMENT ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1303, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1303) to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1303) was read the third time and passed.

REQUESTING RETURN OF PAPERS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate request the House to return the papers with respect to S. 2589.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2652

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2652) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program.

Mr. FRIST. I object to further proceedings on the measure at this time in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Friday, July 16.

I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for statements only with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will be in a period of morning business throughout the day. There will be no rollcall votes during tomorrow's session. During tomorrow's session, I will have more to say about next week's schedule. However, there will be no votes during Monday's session as well. Senators can expect the next vote at approximately 2:15 on Tuesday.

We had a productive day today. We will be closing in just a few moments. I just had the opportunity a few moments ago to talk to the Prime Minister of Australia, who expressed his gratitude to the American people and to this body for the vote we took about an hour ago with regard to the Australia trade bill. We expedited consideration of that bill, brought it to the floor in a very quick fashion, but had a very good debate over the course of the day. There was broad support for that bill as reflected in the vote, with 80 people voting for that piece of legislation.

In addition, we made real progress considering an amendment with regard to tobacco and the FDA. Unusual in the fact that those two bills were put together in one bill, but by considering that bill with an overwhelming vote, we are able to go to conference on the FSC/ETI bill, an important bill to jobs and manufacturing in this country.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:00 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:49 p.m., adjourned until Friday, July 16, 2004, at 10 a.m.